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Civil Rights

NRTC assures protection of a youth's civil rights. Unlawful discrimination on the basis of race, color, religion, disability, age, gender and national origin is prohibited.

Children's Rights

NRTC or any employee of NRTC will not in any way violate any of the following rights of youth:

1. The right to enjoy freedom of thought, conscience, and religion, and to abstain from the practice of religion.
2. The right to reasonable enjoyment of privacy.
3. The right to have his opinions heard and to be included, to the greatest extent possible, when any decisions are being made affecting his/her life.
4. The right to receive appropriate and reasonable adult guidance, support, and supervision.
5. The right to be free from physical abuse and inhumane treatment.
6. The right to be protected from all forms of sexual exploitation.
7. The right to receive adequate and appropriate medical care.
8. The right to receive adequate and appropriate food, clothing, and housing.
9. The right to his own money and personal property, in accordance with his service or case plan.
10. The right to live in clean, safe surroundings.
11. The right to participate in an appropriate educational program.
12. The right to communicate with family, friends and "significant others" from whom he/she is living apart, in accordance with their service or case plan.
13. The right to be taught to fulfill appropriate responsibility to their self and to others.

NRTC includes the above list of youth's rights in the handbook for youth and their families required pursuant to rule 5101:2-9-15 of the Administrative Code.

If NRTC places any restrictions upon a youth's rights for more than two hours, the agency shall:

1. Inform the youth and the youth's custodian of the conditions of and the reasons for the restriction of rights.

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2. Place a written report summarizing the conditions of and reasons for the restriction of the youth's rights in that youth's record maintained pursuant to rule 5101:2-5-10 of the Administrative Code.
3. When a restriction of a youth's rights affects another individual, inform the individual, as appropriate, of the conditions of and reasons for the action.
4. Document review of the restriction at least weekly. Any such restriction will be included in the service plan and approved by the youth's custodian.